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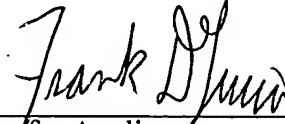
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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, JP 11-328639, is provided by counterpart application EP 0957479.

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